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5 23. (Currently Amended) A method for use in connection with a game ticket having machine  
6 readable game play information and a number of directly identifiable result codes formed  
7 thereon, each result code being representative of a respective game play outcome, the  
8 method including:

- 9 (a) receiving the game ticket in a game ticket reader of a player station;
- 10 (b) reading the machine readable game play information with the game ticket reader,  
11 the machine readable game play information specifying the game play outcomes  
12 represented by the result codes formed on the game ticket;
- 13 (c) detecting whether the game ticket received in the game ticket reader includes a  
14 cover over an area of the game ticket on which the result codes are formed;
- 15 (d) in the event that the detecting step indicates that the cover is present on the game  
16 ticket, disabling the player station from displaying the game play outcomes  
17 specified by the machine readable game play information that has been read with  
18 the game ticket reader; and
- 19 (e) in the event that the detecting step indicates that the cover is absent from the game  
20 ticket, enabling the player station to display the game play outcomes specified by  
21 the machine readable game play information that has been read with the game  
22 ticket reader. the player station being enabled to display the game play outcomes

1 based solely on the machine readable game play information and without reading  
2 the result codes formed on the game ticket.  
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4 24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the  
5 game ticket includes the cover includes producing a cover sensor output at a cover sensor.  
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7 25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24 wherein the cover sensor is an optical  
8 sensor.  
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10 26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24 wherein the cover sensor is a magnetic  
11 sensor.  
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13 27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the  
14 game ticket includes the cover includes the step of attempting to detect a feature located  
15 on the cover.  
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17 28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the  
18 game ticket includes the cover includes the step of attempting to detect a feature located  
19 on a substrate of the game ticket.  
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21 29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including:

- 1 (a) a player station for displaying game play outcomes associated with a game ticket,  
2 the game ticket including machine readable game play information and a number  
3 of directly identifiable result codes formed thereon, each result code being  
4 representative of a respective game play outcome;
- 5 (b) a game ticket reader for receiving the game ticket and also for reading the  
6 machine readable game play information, the machine readable game play  
7 information specifying the game play outcomes represented by the result codes  
8 formed on the game ticket;
- 9 (c) a cover sensor associated with the game ticket reader, the cover sensor producing  
10 a cover sensor output with the cover sensor output indicating whether the game  
11 ticket received in the game ticket reader includes a cover over an area of the game  
12 ticket on which the result codes are formed; and
- 13 (d) a processor coupled to the cover sensor and the game ticket reader, the processor  
14 for (i) disabling the player station from displaying game play outcomes specified  
15 by the machine readable game play information that has been read with the game  
16 ticket reader when the cover sensor output indicates that the cover is present on  
17 the game ticket, and also for (ii) enabling the player station to display the game  
18 play outcomes specified by the machine readable game play information that has  
19 been read with the game ticket reader when the cover sensor output indicates that  
20 the cover is absent from the game ticket, the player station being enabled to  
21 display the game play outcomes based solely on the machine readable game play  
22 information and without reading the result codes formed on the game ticket.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is an optical  
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4 31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is a magnetic  
5 sensor.

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7 32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is operable  
8 for detecting a feature located on the cover.

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10 33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is operable  
11 for detecting a feature located on a substrate of the game ticket.

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13 34. (Currently Amended) A program product executable for use in connection with a game  
14 ticket having machine readable game play information and a number of directly  
15 identifiable result codes formed thereon, each result code being representative of a  
16 respective game play outcome, the program product being stored on a computer readable  
17 medium and including:

- 18 (a) cover sensor reading code executable for reading a cover sensor output from a  
19 cover sensor associated with a game ticket reader on a player station, the cover  
20 sensor output indicating whether the game ticket includes a cover over an area of  
21 the game ticket on which the result codes are formed; and

1 (b) player station control code executable for (i) reading the machine readable game  
2 play information from the game ticket with the game ticket reader, the machine  
3 readable game play information specifying the game play outcomes represented by  
4 the result codes formed on the game ticket, for (ii) disabling the player station  
5 from displaying the game play outcomes specified by the machine readable game  
6 play information that has been read by the game ticket reader when the cover  
7 sensor output indicates that the cover is present on the game ticket, and also for  
8 (iii) enabling the player station to display the game play outcomes specified by the  
9 machine readable game play information that has been read by the game ticket  
10 reader when the cover sensor output indicates that the cover is absent from the  
11 game ticket, the player station being enabled to display the game play outcomes  
12 based solely on the machine readable game play information and without reading  
13 the result codes formed on the game ticket.

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15 35. (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 34 wherein the cover sensor output  
16 comprises a signal residing at either a first signal level or a second signal level.